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## QUEENSLAND

Situated generally between 10° and 29° south latitude and between 138° and 154° east longitude, Queensland occupies the north-eastern portion of the Australian continent. Of the six States of the Commonwealth, Queensland ranks second in area and third in population.

AREA	1,727,200 square kilometres (including islands), equivalent to more than seven times the area of the United Kingdom, three times the area of France or one-fifth of the area of the USA
COASTLINE	9,800 kilometres (including islands), 7,400 kilometres on the mainland
CAPITAL CITY	Brisbane, situated 16 kilometres from the sea
TIME	Eastern Standard Time, 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time
1824	First European settlement
1859	Colony separated from New South Wales
1901	State of the Commonwealth of Australia

Queensland is a constituent State of the Commonwealth of Australia, observing the Federal Constitution, and, while returning elected members to both upper and lower houses of the Federal parliament, is governed by its own State Parliament. A further level of government, local government, derives its powers from Acts passed by the State Parliament.

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## Preface

*Pocket Year Book Queensland* is a companion publication to *Year Book Queensland* (1301.3). It provides a broad statistical picture of Queensland's economic and social environment in a convenient pocket size. Tables for this *Pocket Year Book* have been selected from *Year Book Queensland 1999*.

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## Symbols

The following symbols mean:

°C	degrees Celsius
ha	hectares
kg	kilograms
\$m	\$ million
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not published
n.y.a.	not yet available
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
p	preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
%	per cent
sq km	square kilometres
'000	thousand



**QUEENSLAND IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA**

Item	Measurement	Date or period	Queensland	% of Australia
Area	sq km	..	1 727 200	22.5
Estimated resident population	'000	30 June 1997	3 401.2	18.4
Births	'000	1997	47.0	18.7
Natural increase	'000	1997	25.3	20.6
Higher education	no.	31 March 1997	114 641	17.4
Cause of death—melanoma of skin	no.	1996	174	19.1
Agricultural production				
Beef and veal	tonnes	1996–97	693 381	38.2
Mutton and lamb	tonnes	1996–97	33 944	5.9
Sugar cane(a)	'000 tonnes	(b)31 March 1997	36 232	93.8
Tobacco	'000 kg	(b)31 March 1997	4 802	53.7
Mining, value added	\$m	1995–96	3 747.6	18.8
Manufacturing, turnover	\$m	1996–97	30 220.0	14.5
Houses completed	no.	1997–98	23 373	24.7
Foreign merchandise imports	\$m	1997–98	9 762.0	10.8
Foreign merchandise exports	\$m	1997–98	16 256.8	18.5
Motor vehicles on register(c)	'000	31 October 1997	2 065.5	18.2
Retail trade, turnover(d)	\$m	1998	25 958.6	18.8
Takings from accommodation(e)	\$m	1997	976.3	26.3

(a) Cut for crushing. (b) 12 months ending 31 March 1997. (c) Excluding motor cycles. (d) Excluding motor vehicle dealers, petrol stations, etc. (e) Hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities.

Source: ABS

### TEMPERATURES FOR SIX TYPICAL STATIONS, Queensland

Station	1996		1997	
	Mean maximum	Mean minimum	Mean maximum	Mean minimum
	°C	°C	°C	°C
Brisbane(a)	25.3	15.2	25.2	15.4
Rockhampton	28.8	17.0	28.3	17.1
Cairns	29.4	20.9	28.6	20.1
Charleville	28.4	14.1	27.7	13.2
Longreach	31.8	16.4	31.7	16.0
Mount Isa	32.6	17.8	31.1	16.5

(a) At Brisbane airport.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

### SEATS WON IN QUEENSLAND ELECTIONS

	1989	1992	1995	1996(a)	1998
Party	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Labor	54	54	45	44	44
National	26	26	29	29	23
One Nation(b)	—	—	—	—	11
Liberal	9	9	14	15	9
Independent	—	—	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>

(a) After Mundingburra by-election. (b) The advent of the One Nation Party saw it contest the Queensland State elections for the first time in 1998.

Source: *Queensland Government Gazettes*.

**POPULATION AND GROWTH IN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS,  
Queensland—At 30 June 1997p**

Statistical division	Estimated resident population	Proportion of Queensland	Average annual growth rate, 1992 to 1997
	no.	%	%
Brisbane	1 548 346	45.5	2.2
Moreton	639 024	18.8	4.5
Wide Bay-Burnett	227 822	6.7	2.6
Darling Downs	200 287	5.9	0.4
South-West	26 202	0.8	-1.9
Fitzroy	179 567	5.3	1.1
Central-West	12 387	0.4	-1.2
Mackay	122 636	3.6	1.8
Northern	193 509	5.7	1.0
Far North	215 518	6.3	3.0
North-West	35 934	1.1	-1.0
<b>Queensland(a)</b>	<b>3 401 232</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>

(a) Including persons not counted elsewhere, e.g. off-shore areas and migratory.

Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia* (3218.0).

### SETTLER ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF BIRTH, Queensland

	1996	1997
Country of birth	no.	no.
Oceania and Antarctica	5 609	6 860
Europe and former USSR	3 711	2 980
Middle East and North Africa	259	200
South-East Asia	1 044	1 070
North-East Asia	2 436	2 240
Southern Asia	341	320
The Americas	609	450
Africa (excluding North Africa)	551	660
<b>Total(a)</b>	<b>14 565</b>	<b>14 790</b>

(a) Including not stated.

Source: Unpublished data, Overseas Arrivals and Departures.

### **MEDIAN AGE AT DEATH, Queensland**

Year	Males	Females
1976	68.4	75.2
1981	69.6	76.4
1986	70.6	76.9
1991	71.9	78.4
1996	73.2	80.1
1997	73.3	80.4

*Source: Demography (3311.3) and Deaths (3302.0).*

### PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, Queensland—1996

Underlying cause	Persons	Percentage of total deaths	
		Males	Females
Heart disease	6 462	28.4	29.8
Cancer	6 029	29.1	24.7
Cerebrovascular disease	2 179	7.5	12.5
Respiratory system disease	1 742	8.2	7.4
External causes	1 624	9.6	4.5

Source: *Causes of Death* (3303.0).

**LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY STATISTICAL REGIONS, Queensland—May 1998**

Region	Employed '000	Unemployed '000	Labour force '000	Unemployment rate(a) %	Participation rate(b) %
<i>Brisbane Major Statistical Region</i>	754.3	58.8	813.1	7.2	65.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring	199.9	11.1	211.0	5.2	67.0
Brisbane City Outer Ring	222.5	17.3	242.6	7.1	63.0
South and East BSD Balance	152.3	14.4	166.7	8.6	67.2
North and West BSD Balance	176.8	16.0	192.8	8.3	65.8
<i>Balance of Queensland</i>	855.2	88.5	943.6	9.4	63.7
South and East Moreton	169.9	17.6	187.5	9.4	61.0
North and West Moreton	138.7	17.9	156.6	11.4	63.4
Wide Bay-Burnett	79.7	13.4	93.1	14.4	52.9
Darling Downs and South-West	115.3	6.7	122.1	5.5	66.6
Mackay, Fitzroy and Central-West	162.0	15.3	177.3	8.6	71.9
Northern and North-West	97.7	10.1	107.8	9.3	63.5
Far North	91.8	7.4	99.3	7.5	65.7
<b>Queensland</b>	<b>1 609.4</b>	<b>147.3</b>	<b>1 756.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>64.5</b>

(a) The number of unemployed in each group as a percentage of the labour force in the same group. (b) The labour force in each group as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Source: *Labour Force* (6201.3).



**AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF FULL-TIME ADULT EMPLOYEES,  
States and Territories**

State/Territory	May		Percentage change
	1997	1998	
	\$	\$	%
New South Wales	762.00	788.80	3.5
Victoria	733.80	767.00	4.5
Queensland	699.60	730.50	4.4
South Australia	699.30	714.40	2.2
Western Australia	739.40	784.10	6.0
Tasmania	690.20	723.90	4.9
Northern Territory	747.30	776.90	4.4
Australian Capital Territory	812.40	869.50	7.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>736.80</b>	<b>767.80</b>	<b>4.2</b>

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0).

### PRIMARY ENROLMENTS, Queensland—As at 1 August 1997

Year	Males no.	Females no.	Total no.
1	26 307	24 799	51 106
2	26 087	24 535	50 622
3	25 261	24 081	49 342
4	24 701	23 692	48 393
5	24 545	23 302	47 847
6	25 074	23 659	48 733
7	25 365	24 062	49 427
Ungraded	1 356	858	2 214
<b>Total</b>	<b>178 696</b>	<b>168 988</b>	<b>347 684</b>

Source: Schools (4221.0).

### SECONDARY ENROLMENTS, Queensland—As at 1 August 1997

	Males	Females	Total
Year	no.	no.	no.
8	25 673	24 314	49 987
9	26 372	25 092	51 464
10	24 799	23 888	48 687
11	19 989	20 692	40 681
12	16 725	17 951	34 676
Ungraded	1 117	810	1 927
<b>Total</b>	<b>114 675</b>	<b>112 747</b>	<b>227 422</b>

Source: Schools (4221.0).

**HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS(a) BY UNIVERSITY, Queensland—1997**

University	Males no.	Females no.	Persons no.
QUT	13 931	16 755	30 686
Queensland	13 296	14 402	27 698
Griffith	9 157	11 914	21 071
Southern Queensland	7 604	7 905	15 509
Central Queensland	5 470	5 950	11 420
James Cook	3 229	5 028	8 257
<b>Total</b>	<b>52 687</b>	<b>61 954</b>	<b>114 641</b>

(a) Excluding students attending Bond University or Australian Catholic University.

Source: *Selected Higher Education Student Statistics*.

**VICTIMS(a) BY OFFENCE CATEGORY, Queensland**

Offence category	1996		1997	
	no.	rate(b)	no.	rate(b)
Murder and attempted murder				
Murder	64	1.9	75	2.2
Attempted murder	133	4.0	113	3.3
Manslaughter and driving causing death				
Manslaughter	9	0.3	10	0.3
Driving causing death	28	0.8	39	1.2
Assault	17 805	533.2	17 644	518.8
Sexual assault	3 019	90.4	3 285	96.6
Kidnapping/abduction	71	2.1	106	3.1
Robbery				
Armed robbery	907	27.2	1 243	36.6
Unarmed robbery	1 222	36.6	1 189	35.0
Blackmail/extortion	92	2.8	84	2.5
Unlawful entry with intent	70 672	2 116.5	70 845	2 082.9
Motor vehicle theft	17 280	517.5	17 009	500.1
Other theft	91 954	2 753.9	92 558	2 721.3

(a) The definition of a crime victim varies according to the category of offence. (b) Rate per 100,000 population.

Source: *Recorded Crime (4510.0)*.

**QUEENSLAND MAIN STATE OF INTENDED STAY: INTERNATIONAL  
VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**

Country of residence	1996		1997	Percentage change, 1996 to 1997
	'000	'000	%	%
Asia				
Japan	449.9	463.0	34.8	2.9
South Korea	80.7	90.2	6.8	11.9
Taiwan	52.9	51.2	3.8	-3.2
Hong Kong	55.5	52.6	4.0	-5.2
Malaysia	34.5	33.4	2.5	-3.2
Singapore	70.0	71.4	5.4	2.0
Indonesia	18.7	21.7	1.6	16.0
Balance	31.5	34.3	2.6	8.8

For footnotes see end of table.

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**QUEENSLAND MAIN STATE OF INTENDED STAY: INTERNATIONAL  
VISITORS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE—*continued***

Country of residence	1996		1997	Percentage change, 1996 to 1997
	'000	'000	%	%
Europe				
UK and Ireland	65.0	73.1	5.5	12.5
Balance(a)	59.8	65.7	4.9	9.9
New Zealand	240.1	245.7	18.5	2.3
North America				
Canada	10.6	11.7	0.9	9.5
USA	46.6	49.9	3.7	7.0
Other countries	64.0	67.6	5.1	5.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 279.7</b>	<b>1 331.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>

(a) Excluding former USSR and Baltic States.

Source: *Overseas Arrivals and Departures (3401.0)*.

**NUMBER, AREA AND LAND USE OF AGRICULTURAL ESTABLISHMENTS,  
Queensland**

Particulars	Unit	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Agricultural establishments	no.	32 849	32 186	30 987
Area of agricultural establishments	'000 ha	149 688	149 748	151 067
Total area of crops(a)	'000 ha	2 055	2 495	2 685
Area of cereal crops(b)	'000 ha	1 183	1 587	1 676
Area of orchard trees	'000 ha	27	27	29
Area of vegetables	'000 ha	32	33	35

(a) Excluding pastures or grasses. (b) Excluding pasture and grasses harvested for hay or seed.

Source: *Agriculture (7113.3)*.



### VALUE, AT MINE, OF MINERALS PRODUCED, Queensland and Australia

Mineral group			Queensland	Australia(a)
	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1995–96
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Metal ores	1 645.7	1 906.0	1 724.6	12 792.6
Coal	3 339.4	3 688.3	3 946.8	(b)7 909.4
Oil and gas	301.3	342.3	354.5	8 076.8
Construction materials(c)	n.a.	n.a.	n.y.a.	n.a.
Other non-metal ores(d)	(e)146.9	(e)133.5	(e)101.1	n.a.
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>5 433.5</b>	<b>6 070.2</b>	<b>6 127.0</b>	<b>28 778.8</b>

(a) Excluding Australian Capital Territory. (b) Excluding briquettes. (c) Construction materials are collected on a triennial basis by the ABS from 1989–90. (d) Totals represent the totals of available data. (e) Including value of clays and limestone.

Source: *Australian Mining Industry (8414.0) and Department of Mines and Energy.*

### PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL METAL ORE MINERALS, Queensland

Mineral	Unit	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Bauxite(a)	'000 tonnes	9 335	9 179	9 149
Copper concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	749	1 007	1 069
Gold bullion (including alluvial gold)	kilograms	42 128	38 994	39 281
Lead concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	299	359	320
Mineral sands				
Ilmenite concentrate				
Run-of-mine	'000 tonnes	6	5	—
Upgrades(c)	'000 tonnes	165	186	70
Rutile concentrate	'000 tonnes	76	61	51
Zircon concentrate	'000 tonnes	67	56	37
Nickel ore	'000 tonnes	222	3	—
Tin concentrate	tonnes	52	82	125
Zinc concentrate(b)	'000 tonnes	382	446	411
Zinc-lead concentrate(d)	'000 tonnes	57	48	9

(a) Including beneficiated and calcined bauxite. (b) Mainly comprising Mount Isa Mines Ltd production.

(c) Upgraded by mechanical means. (d) Comprising Mount Isa Mines Ltd production.

Source: *Department of Mines and Energy*.

### MANUFACTURING, Queensland—1996–97

ANZSIC subdivision	Employment at end of June(a)	Wages and salaries(b)	Turnover
	'000	\$m	\$m
Food, beverage and tobacco	34.3	1 134.1	8 880.1
Textile, clothing, footwear and leather	5.8	122.8	585.2
Wood and paper products	10.8	318.9	1 707.5
Printing, publishing and recorded media	12.0	359.5	1 436.2
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated products	10.8	412.0	4 748.7
Non-metallic mineral products	7.6	269.7	1 828.4
Metal products	25.2	852.1	6 500.2
Machinery and equipment	24.3	776.6	3 441.6
Other manufacturing	10.6	248.0	1 092.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>4 493.5</b>	<b>30 220.0</b>

(a) Including working proprietors. (b) Excluding the drawings of working proprietors and provisions for employee entitlements.

Source: *Manufacturing Industry* (8221.0).

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**NUMBER AND VALUE OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, Queensland**


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Year	New houses		New other residential buildings		Total	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1994-95	30 641	2 891.5	14 367	1 109.3	45 008	4 000.7
1995-96	22 821	2 227.1	7 440	664.3	30 261	2 891.5
1996-97	23 533	2 412.3	9 288	779.3	32 821	3 191.6

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Source: *Building Approvals, Queensland* (8731.3).

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**MOTOR VEHICLES ON REGISTER, Queensland—At 31 October**


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Type of vehicle	1995(a) '000	1996 '000	1997 '000
Passenger vehicles	1 513.3	(b)1 567.3	1 607.5
Campervans	4.1	4.4	4.7
Light commercial vehicles	340.0	(b)353.1	361.1
Trucks	77.9	78.3	79.3
Buses	9.3	(b)12.4	12.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 944.5</b>	<b>2 015.6</b>	<b>2 065.5</b>
Motor cycles	68.3	66.4	66.6

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(a) 1995 data are as at 31 May. (b) In 1996 a number of vehicles previously classified as passenger or light commercial vehicles were re-classified to busses. Re-classification was based on better identification of the model of the vehicle.

Source: *Motor Vehicle Census (9309.0)*.

**PRINCIPAL FOREIGN EXPORTS(a), Queensland**

	1996-97	1997-98
Commodity	\$m	\$m
Coal	4 557.4	5 527.3
Meat and meat preparations	1 216.5	1 623.4
Non-ferrous metals(b)	778.4	1 297.7
Sugar	1 608.9	n.p.
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap(b)	760.0	990.4
Machinery and transport equipment	674.3	747.0
Cotton	426.3	559.6
Cereals and cereal preparations	575.5	400.3
Other(c)	2 969.1	5 111.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 566.4</b>	<b>16 256.8</b>

(a) Excluding non-merchandise trade. (b) Excluding items for which details are not publishable. (c) Including items for which details are not publishable.

Source: *Unpublished data, Foreign Trade.*

**PRINCIPAL FOREIGN IMPORTS(a), Queensland**

	1996-97	1997-98
Commodity	\$m	\$m
Road vehicles	1 685.9	2 313.2
Petroleum and petroleum products(b)	1 187.8	1 133.7
Machinery, specialised for particular industries	705.9	769.9
General industrial machinery and equipment	534.8	519.0
Non-monetary gold	285.0	209.3
Power generating machinery and equipment(b)	208.0	275.9
Other	4 029.4	4 541.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 636.8</b>	<b>9 762.1</b>

(a) Excluding non-merchandise trade. (b) Excluding items for which details are not publishable.

Source: *Unpublished data, Foreign Trade.*

**CHANGES IN CONSUMER PRICES, Brisbane**

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Group	1992-93 to 1997-98	1996-97 to 1997-98
	%	%
Food	12.7	2.2
Clothing	-1.4	0.1
Housing	1.0	-6.6
Household equipment and operation	9.1	0.8
Transportation	11.4	0.1
Tobacco and alcohol	34.1	3.5
Health and personal care	26.1	5.4
Recreation and education	16.1	3.0
All groups	12.1	0.5

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Source: *Consumer Price Index (6401.0)*.



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## Major Cities and Railways

